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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Luncheon for Representative Alvin M. Bentley (R., Mich.)**

1. Representative Alvin M. Bentley attended a luncheon on Friday, 19 June, with the Director. Also present were:

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General

Chief, WE

Acting Chief, SR

Assistant Director, ONE

Chief, EE

Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel

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2. There was a general discussion at lunch. Among other things Representative Bentley asked whether the East Germans were using ex-Nazis in their government.  answered in the affirmative and said that there were medium-high level Nazis and they were used in medium-high level government positions. Mr. Bentley was informed that there was a de-Nazification program in East Germany similar to that in West Germany but it was doubtful if we had the East German de-Nazification list. Mr. Bentley asked if this use of ex-Nazis were not a sensitive point to the Communist regime, and  answered in the affirmative and that such ex-Nazi officials were usually terminated when the point was publicized. Mr. Bentley said he felt that maybe more could be done along these lines, although  pointed out certain problems.  referred to an article by Walter Ulbricht, and Mr. Bentley expressed an interest in seeing it. (EE has been requested to forward a copy for transmittal to Mr. Bentley.)

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3. After lunch Mr. Bentley remarked to the Director that when he got out of the Foreign Service he applied, in 1950, to the Agency for employment and had gotten a turndown letter saying there was no job

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suitable to his qualifications. The Director requested we look into the sending of this letter. (Personnel and Security have no record of any application from or letter to Mr. Bentley.)

5. Mr. Bentley mentioned another book he had just read called Exodus by Leon Uris, which he said was a very interesting description of the early days of development of Israel. Messrs. [ ] and [ ] gave personal recollections of the Jewish movement they had seen in [ ] Europe. He also inquired whether a book called Jews in the Soviet Union was by David Dallin; we discussed Soviet sensitivity on anti-Semitism. (Mr. Bentley is being advised that there is no book by that title written by Dallin; however, two books by that title have been written, one by Paul Novick in 1948 and the other by Solomon M. Schwarz in 1951.)

6. The Director asked if Mr. Bentley had any views on the Agency's congressional relations, and Mr. Bentley said there was some feeling that CIA's contact with the Congress was pretty much a closed corporation in the Armed Services Committees and that this created an impression that we should try to overcome. He mentioned that the entertainment of his informal SOS Club was a good way of approaching this and pointed out that each "class" of Congress has its own club and information on these clubs can be obtained from the Clerk of the House. In addition to "class" clubs and the SOS, there are the Acorns, Sunset Club, and the Chowder and Marching Club. He said these clubs are a good way to approach congressmen, and he thought we should look into doing more of it.

7. Mr. Bentley said he had been pleased by an approach from the Agency to debrief him after his Berlin trip this year and noted that he had not been approached after a prior trip. We briefed him on the systematic effort being made to be in touch with all congressmen before and after such trips.

8. Mr. Bentley said he felt we should send a notice to all congressional offices on the official liaison channel to CIA as most of the other agencies did it and he felt it was helpful to the congressmen

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and their staffs. The Director remarked that he felt an effort to broaden our congressional contacts would only be profitable early in any one session, and Mr. Bentley agreed.

9. Mr. Bentley said that when our new building was completed we should invite congressmen to tour it as many of their constituents would be asking questions about it. The Director noted we were laying the cornerstone in October of this year and should finish the building about two years from that time.

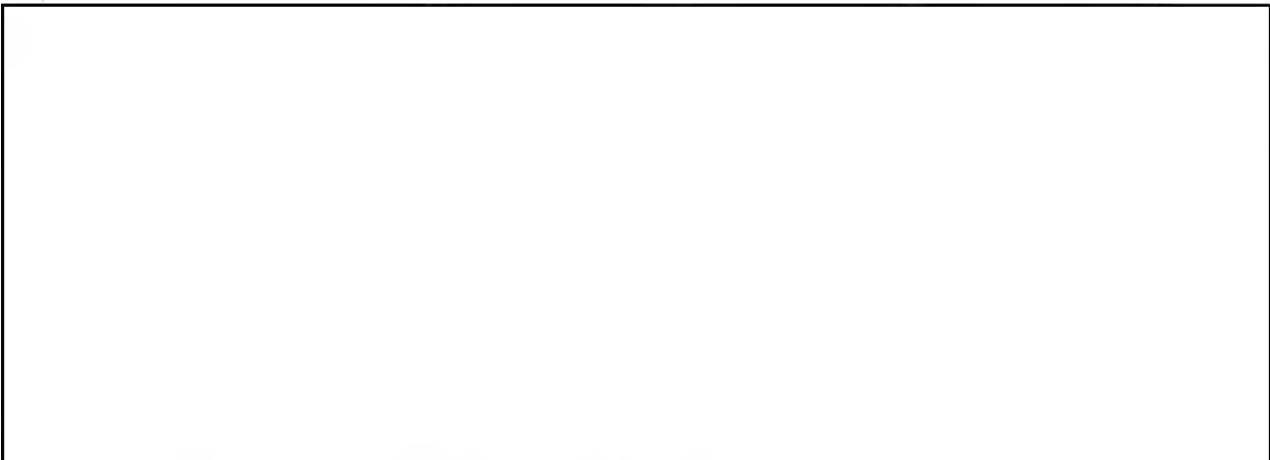
10. Mr. Bentley said he had read Ransom's book on Central Intelligence and National Security and noted that Ransom had commented on the system for eliminating unnecessary duplication. The Director described the United States Intelligence Board, its composition, and how it worked in the field of coordination and elimination of unnecessary duplication.

11. Mr. Bentley said he had a question in his mind whether with the problems the Agency staff was faced in keeping current on events any time was left for long range thinking and planning. The Director described the function of the Office of National Estimates, and Dr. Kent elaborated saying that only he and his deputy had slight administrative responsibilities and the other members of the staff had time to think about the affairs of the world and consider the long range implications whether they were in the process of writing estimates or reading reports and material. The Director pointed out that while ONE was probably the best example all offices kept the long range implications of their work under consideration at all times.

12. Mr. Bentley asked about long range planning against possible emergency situations, thinking of the East German riots and the Hungarian situation. He wondered why the West had never "pinched off" Albania, and the Director commented both on the position of Tito and his fear of reraising old Greek and Italian antipathies and problems. He said that nevertheless plans had been made against the event that national policies might desire operations in Albania. Mr. Bentley asked why it could not be blockaded, and the Director pointed out that since it was almost purely rural economy it was largely self-supporting and needed no real importation. Mr. Bentley asked about Bulgaria now that the United States mission to Sofia had been opened and the Turks and the Greeks would not present the same problems as the Yugoslavs in connection with Albania. The Director pointed out that the Bulgarians had traditionally been friendly to Russia and the Department of State saw little likelihood of serious revolt in that country.

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14. Mr. Bentley stated that he enjoyed the luncheon and found the discussion profitable, and the Director thanked him for his valuable ideas and suggestions.

s/ Lawrence R. Houston

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